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EXAMINING GROUP 2697  
Attorney Docket No. 27776

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**  
**TURNER ET AL.**

Application No. 09/520,684

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Confirmation No. 9090

Examiner: VOLPER, THOMAS E

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**AMENDMENT B**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The final Office action dated September 9, 2003, and the references cited have been fully considered. In response, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.